

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 17-19, 22, 25 and 29 were previously cancelled. Accordingly, claims 13-16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26-28 and 30 are pending.

Claims 13-16, 20-21, 23-24, 26-28 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent No. 7,076,784 (hereinafter Russell) in view of US patent No. 6,484,190 (hereinafter Cordes) and further in view of US patent No. 6,499,036 (hereinafter Gurevich). Claims 14 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell in view of Cordes and Gurevich and still further in view of US patent No. 7,171,468 (hereinafter Yeung). Claims 15 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell in view of Cordes and Gurevich and still further in view of US patent No. 7,017,121 (hereinafter Gilkas). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections, and further requests allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Independents claims 13 and 23 in part have been amended to recite the following structural and/or operational relationships:

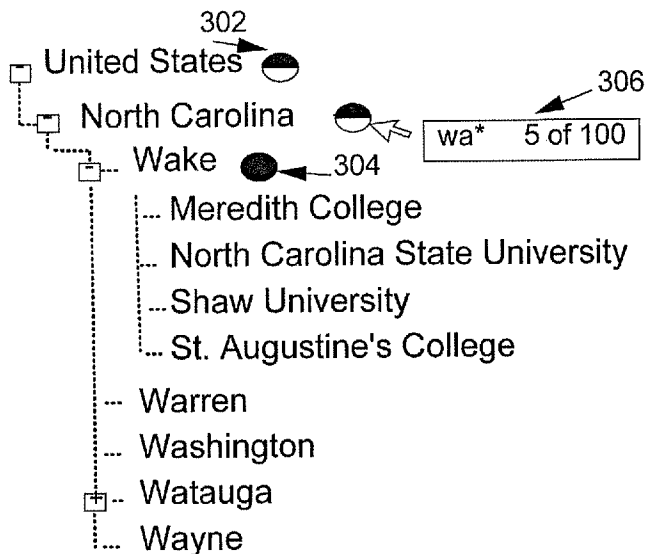
“wherein the folder content comprises at least one component configured to have both a folder characteristic and a leaf characteristic”. No new matter has been introduced. See Clean Substitute Specification, page 5 of 9, lines 17-18 of paragraph [0015].

As will be appreciated by one skilled in the art of computer science, a leaf characteristic refers to a characteristic associated with a component not containing subordinate objects (analogous to a leaf on a tree, a given leaf does not contain further leaves). A folder characteristic refers to a characteristic associated with a component containing subordinate objects. Thus, as described in the disclosure, aspects of the present invention are directed to resolving issues that can arise in the context of a component having both a folder characteristic and a leaf characteristic. That is, users do not logically expect to encounter a leaf characteristic when operating in a folder environment.

The Examiner observes at section 8, on page 11 that the cited art has several editors to edit component properties. This observation misses the point of the invention. The basic aspects of the invention are not contingent on editing capabilities (or diagnostics capabilities, which is

another example provided in the disclosure). Applicant respectfully submits that basic aspects of the invention are directed to logically navigating in the context of a component having both a folder characteristic and a leaf characteristic. As described in the disclosure, users do not logically expect to encounter a leaf characteristic when operating in a folder environment, and therefore, in the absence of the structural and/or operational relationships of the claimed invention, users would miss the leaf characteristic of the component.

For the convenience of the reader, FIG. 3B of Cordes is reproduced below.



Applicant respectfully submits that in Cordes wa* represents a search field in search window 306. More importantly, one skilled in the art would appreciate that the search field of Cordes is directed to a classical folder environment and do not address any leaf characteristics, as set forth in the claimed invention. For example, all the objects displayed in FIG. 3B of Cordes resulting from the search appear to be subordinate objects, as would be expected in a folder environment.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the applied art, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests each of the structural and/or operational relationships of the claimed invention regarding logical navigation in the context of a component having both a folder characteristic and a leaf characteristic. Therefore, Applicant kindly requests the §103 rejections noted in the Office Communication be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16(c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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